

## TEENAGE DANCES



Scottsdale City Code

## **NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**

This booklet incorporates sections of the City Code of the City of Scottsdale, as it relates to Teenage Dances.

It is our hope that this booklet will assist you in understanding the licensing law.

For additional information or clarification please call (480) 312-2400.

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**CHAPTER 16**  
**LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**  
**REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE XII. TEENAGE DANCES DIVISION 1. GENERALLY**

**Sec. 16-391. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

"Adult" means a person who has attained the age of twenty-one (21) years.

"Spirituous liquor" means any beverage containing more than one-half of one (0.5) percent alcohol by volume.

"Teen dance center" means an enclosed or unenclosed structure which is open to persons from fifteen (15) through twenty (20) years of age, unaccompanied by an adult, at which music is furnished for the purpose of social dancing, and at which a person fifteen (15) through twenty (20) years of age pays an admission, membership dues, or a minimum fee or cover charge, whether or not admission is limited to members only. A teen dance center includes the enclosed or unenclosed structure and the surrounding premises used for parking or any activity related to the dancing operation.

**Sec. 16-392. Compliance with zoning ordinance.**

It is unlawful to conduct, maintain, supervise or aid in the holding of any teenage dance in such a public dance hall without a valid use permit obtained as provided in sections 2.208 J. and 3.100 of the zoning ordinance.

**Sec. 16-393. Inspection and security of premises.**

The person operating a teen dance center shall allow inspection of the premises at any time by police, fire, building, zoning or other city officials acting in their official capacities. Security plans shall be approved by the chief of police prior to the granting of any license pursuant to this article.

**Sec. 16-394. Admission requirements; hours of operation.**

(a) No teen dance center licensee, employee or agent shall allow the admission of any person under the age of fifteen (15) years or over the age of twenty (20) years. The manager or person operating the teenage dance shall determine the age of those seeking admission.

(b) Any person operating a teenage dance hall, his agent or employees shall prohibit admission to anyone under the influence of or possessing spirituous liquors or illegal drugs.

(c) No teenage dance hall shall operate after 12:00 midnight on any day except that it shall be allowed to operate until 1:00 a.m. on January 1, and shall open no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on any Saturday, 2:00 p.m. on any Sunday, or 7:00 p.m. on any other day of the week.

**Sec. 16-395. Patrons returning to dance hall; eviction of certain persons.**

(a) Each patron leaving the premises of a teen dance center shall be required to pay a separate admission fee to return. For the purposes of this section, that portion of the premises used for parking is not included in the teen dance center.

(b) Any disorderly or boisterous person or anyone using or possessing spirituous liquor or illegal drugs shall be evicted.

**Sec. 16-396. Display of licenses, permits, etc.**

It is unlawful for any person to conduct, maintain, supervise or aid in holding any teenage dance in a teen dance center within the city without having conspicuously posted in the establishment wherein the dance is held or conducted, all licenses and permits issued by the city relating to the teen dance center.

**Sec. 16-397. Notification of police department.**

Each licensee under this article shall, in writing, notify the police department of any disturbances, acts of violence, or incidents involving patrons in or on the premises using spirituous liquors or illegal drugs.

**Secs. 16-398-16-410. Reserved.**

**DIVISION 2. LICENSE**

**Sec. 16-411. Required.**

No person shall operate a teen dance center without a license issued by the city.

**Sec. 16-412. Exemptions.**

Dances under the auspices of nationally chartered veteran's organizations, youth community service organizations, community service organizations, charitable institutions, religious and fraternal organizations and schools which are under the complete planning and direction of duly elected officers and committees and the proceeds of which go directly to charitable or welfare purposes or into the treasury of such

organization, shall be exempt from the provisions of this article insofar as a license fee and application fee are required.

#### **Sec. 16-413. Application.**

(a) Any person desiring to operate a teen dance center for which a license is required shall make application therefor on a form furnished by the city. The application shall be filed in duplicate with the city, and shall be submitted at least forty-five (45) working days prior to the issuance of the license. The application shall be accompanied by the fee provided for in section 16-416.

(b) The application form provided by the city shall require the following information:

- (1) The name and address of each owner, principal, employee, agent and independent contractor, except musicians, connected directly or indirectly with the proposed operation of the teen dance center.
- (2) The location of the teen dance center.
- (3) A complete set of fingerprints, to be taken by the police department, of the applicant, all of his principals, employees and agents, and, in the discretion of the police department, of all independent contractors except musicians.
- (4) Background information to aid in determining the moral character of the owner, principals, employees and agents, set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

#### **Sec. 16-414. Issuance-Generally.**

(a) Upon receipt of a completed application for the license

required by this division, together with receipt for the application fee, the city shall make an investigation of the applicant.

(b) The city shall issue a license to operate a teen dance center only after a showing of the qualifications and reliability of the applicant.

(c) Not less than forty-five (45) nor more than ninety (90) days after receiving a completed application form, the city shall approve or deny the application. The decision of the city shall be in writing, and if the application is denied, shall include a statement of the specific reasons for the denial, and a summary of the evidence supporting the denial. If the city fails to act upon the license application within ninety (90) working days after receiving a completed application form, the application shall be deemed automatically approved.

(d) No license shall be issued to any person, who, within one (1) year prior to application, has had a license issued under this division revoked. No license shall be issued to or renewed for any person who, within five (5) years prior to application, has been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or involving spirituous liquor or illegal drugs.

#### **Sec. 16-415. Review and appeals.**

Any person aggrieved by any decision with respect to either the denial of or a refusal to issue a license, or the revocation of a license which is subject to this article, shall be entitled to the review and appeal procedures provided in article I of this chapter.

#### **Sec. 16-416. Application fee; term; renewal.**

(a) The application fee for a license to operate a teen dance center shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

(b) The license shall be valid for a period of one (1) year



from the date of issuance thereof, and application shall be made for renewal, but the renewal of the license shall not require an application fee. The application fee shall not be refunded if the application is denied.

(c) Every person licensed under the terms of this division shall, on or before the last day of each month during the term of the license, advise the city, in writing, of the names and addresses of all persons, except musicians, who have subsequent to the filing of the application, become connected directly or indirectly with the operation which is the subject of the license and shall also provide the information required by section 16-413 pertaining to such persons. The licensee shall further arrange for the fingerprinting of these persons by the police department. There shall be a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) charged to the licensee for each additional individual required to be investigated and fingerprinted under the provisions of this section.

#### **Sec. 16-417. Transfer.**

Each application for a transfer of the license required by this division, whether the same is for a transfer from person to person, location to location, change of agent for a corporation, or any other type of transfer whatsoever, shall be treated as if the application were for the issuance of an original license, and all fees shall be paid on this basis with no allowance being made for any monthly fees which may have been paid prior to the effective date of transfer. In addition, the city shall not issue a new license upon an application for transfer unless the prior license is surrendered.

#### **Secs. 16-419-16-430. Reserved.**

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